

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-9, 12-31, 34-52, and 61-63, as amended, appear in this application for the Examiner's review and consideration. Claims 29, 51, and 61 are amended to remove multiple dependency, and claims 10-11, 32-33, and 53-60 are cancelled. As none of these changes introduces new matter, entry of the amendments at this time is warranted. It is respectfully requested that these amendments be entered prior to the calculation of the filing fee.

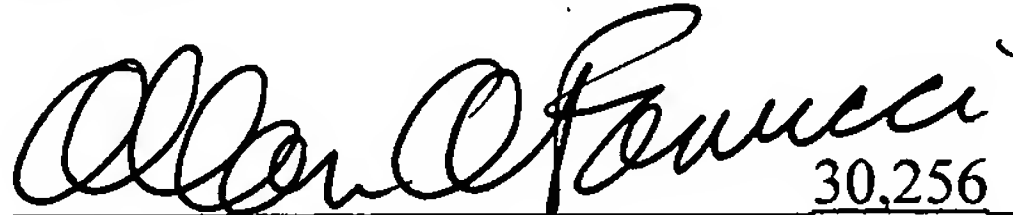
In addition, an abstract is provided as an attachment to this preliminary amendment. As this is a retyped version of the abstract that appears on the cover of the PCT publication, it does not introduce new matter. Please enter this into the file of the present application.

As noted on the enclosed copy of the International Search Report, only the "A" category of documents, i.e., documents defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance, have been identified by the International Searching Authority, namely, the U.S. patent office. Accordingly, the pending claims are believed to be in condition for allowance.

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